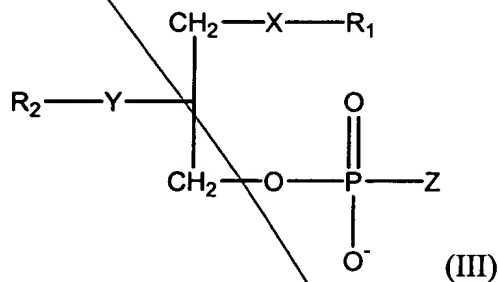


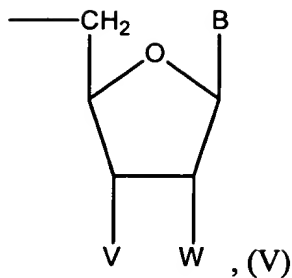
In The Claims:

Please amend claims 56 and 95 as follows:

56. (Twice Amended) A method of combating a viral infection in a subject in need of such treatment, wherein the viral infection comprises a virus selected from the group consisting of HIV-1, HBV, herpes virus, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, mumps, measles, and parainfluenza virus, the method comprising administering to said subject an effective infection-combating amount of a compound of Formula III



wherein: R₁ is a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated C₆ to C₁₈ alkyl group optionally substituted from 1 to 5 times with -OH, -COOH, oxo, amine, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic;
X is selected from the group consisting of NHCO, CH₃NCO, CONH, CONCH₃, S, SO, SO₂, O, NH, and NCH₃;
R₂ is a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated C₆ to C₁₄ alkyl group optionally substituted from 1 to 5 times with -OH, -COOH, oxo, amine, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic;
Y is selected from the group consisting of NHCO, CH₃NCO, CONH, CONCH₃, S, SO, SO₂, O, NH, and NCH₃; and
Z is a moiety of the Formula V,



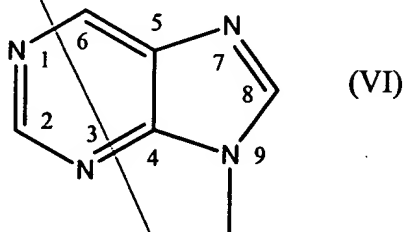
wherein:

V is H or N₃;

W is H or F; or

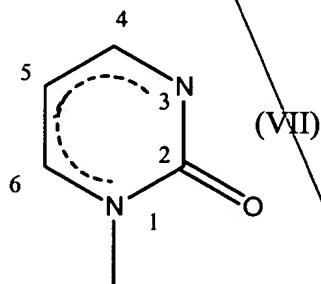
V and W together are a covalent bond; and

B is a purinyl moiety of Formula VI



optionally substituted at position 2 with -OH, -SH, -NH₂ or halogen, at position 6 with Cl, -NH₂, -OH, or C₁-C₃ alkyl, and at position 8 with Br or I; or

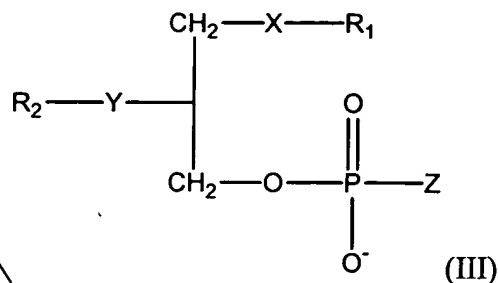
B is a pyrimidinyl moiety of Formula VII



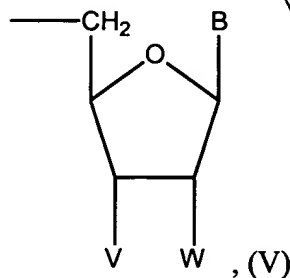
substituted at position 4 with =O or NH₂ and optionally substituted at position 5 with halogen or C₁-C₃ saturated or unsaturated alkyl optionally substituted 1 to 3 times with halogen;

or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

95. (Twice Amended) A compound of Formula III



wherein: R_1 is a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated C_6 to C_{18} alkyl group optionally substituted from 1 to 5 times with $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{COOH}$, oxo, amine, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic;
 X is selected from the group consisting of NHCO , CH_3NCO , CONH , CONCH_3 , S , SO , SO_2 , O , NH , and NCH_3 ;
 R_2 is a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated C_6 to C_{14} alkyl group optionally substituted from 1 to 5 times with $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{COOH}$, oxo, amine, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic;
 Y is selected from the group consisting of NHCO , CH_3NCO , CONH , CONCH_3 , S , SO , SO_2 , O , NH , and NCH_3 ; and
 Z is a moiety of the Formula V,

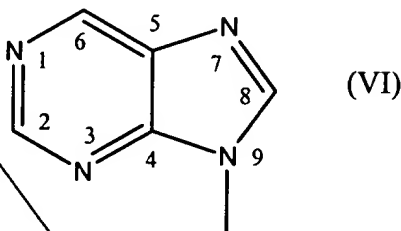


wherein: V is H or N_3 ;

W is H or F; or

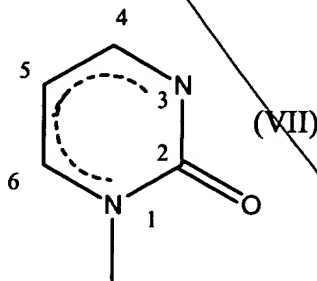
V and W together are a covalent bond; and

B is a purinyl moiety of Formula VI



optionally substituted at position 2 with -OH, -SH, -NH₂ or halogen, at position 6 with Cl, -NH₂, -OH, or C₁-C₃ alkyl, and at position 8 with Br or I; or

B is a pyrimidinyl moiety of Formula VII



substituted at position 4 with =O or NH₂ and optionally substituted at position 5 with halogen or C₁-C₃ saturated or unsaturated alkyl optionally substituted 1 to 3 times with halogen.

Please delete claim 101 without prejudice to the presentation of this claim in any subsequently filed divisional or continuation application.

Please add new claims 103-109 as follows:

103. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein R₁ is (CH₂)₁₀ CH₃.
104. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein R₂ is (CH₂)₇ CH₃.
105. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein X is NHCO.

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106. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein:

R_1 is $(CH_2)_{10} CH_3$;

X is NHCO;

R_2 is $(CH_2)_7 CH_3$; and

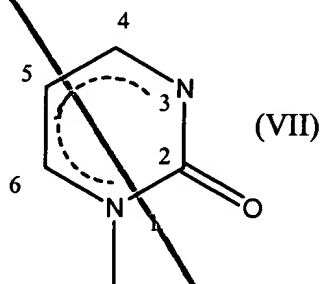
Y is O.

107. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein:

V is N_3 ;

W is H; and

B is a pyrimidinyl moiety of Formula VII



substituted at position 4 with =O and substituted at position 5 with CH_3 .

108. (New) The compound of claim 95 wherein:

R_1 is $(CH_2)_{10} CH_3$;

X is NHCO;

R_2 is $(CH_2)_7 CH_3$; and

Y is O.

109. (New) The compound of claim 95 wherein:

V is N_3 ;

W is H;

B is a pyrimidinyl moiety of Formula VII